



GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION WORKSHOPS AND REGULAR MEETING

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MINUTES 21 February 2023

The Grand County Commission met in a regular meeting on February 21st, 2023. The meeting was held in-person in the Grand County Commission Chambers, with hybrid virtual participation also available via Zoom. It was also broadcast and saved on YouTube. Attending the meeting in-person was Commission Chair Jacques Hadler, Commission Vice-Chair Kevin Walker, and Commissioners Mary McGann, Trisha Hedin, Evan Clapper, Bill Winfield and Mike McCurdy. Also attending in-person were Commission Administrator Mallory Nassau, Associate Commission Administrator Quinn Hall, County Attorney Stephen Stocks and Clerk/Auditor Gabriel Woytek. Strategic Development Director Chris Baird was in attendance virtually.

2:30 p.m. Workshop – Understanding Groundwater in Spanish Valley (SE Utah Regional Engineer Marc Stilson, Utah Division of Water Rights and Arne Hultquist, Moab Area Watershed Partnership)

Stilson opened the workshop with a brief discussion regarding the public presentation of recent analysis of various studies by Professor of Hydrogeology Thomas Lachmar of Utah State University, especially as it pertains to guidance on future actions for preserving watershed health. Overview of the dynamics behind aquifer recharge, and emphasis on the goal of managing groundwater resources in a manner that does not exceed the safe yield of the aquifer systems. Management of the aquifer system is lead by a variety of stakeholders. Current question for Grand County is determining safe yield, who gets to use remaining yield, and how to approach stable safe yield responsibly. Division of Water Rights intervenes if an area 'blows past' their determined safe yield.

Arne Hultquist clarified that the role of the Division of Water Rights is to ensure that new water allocations don't interfere with existing water rights.

More information is needed to make more certain predictions about water availability. Moab City utilizes 2,000 acre feet of water and has paper rights to another 8,000 acre feet, GWSSA uses about 1,000 acre feet, with rights to another 6,000. Paper water does not equal realistically available wet water. San Juan County limited to an appropriation of 500 acre feet of water approved for use, with rights to another 4,500 that could be drawn from the Colorado River.

Key questions remain that are as of yet unanswered: How are the different aquifers connected? How does water move between the aquifers? Does Mill Creek or Ken's Lake provide significant recharge to the Glen Canyon Group Aquifer system? What volume of water is recharging into the Valley Fill Aquifer from Pack Creek? Will additional water development up valley affect the Matheson Wetland Preserve? Is there any other evidence that water withdrawals from the Glen Canyon Group Aquifer are at or near safe yield volume?

Stilson gave an overview and breakdown of eight specific recommendations made by the 2020 USGS study, as shown in the packet. Measurement of springs are important, as changes in their flow illustrate effects to the aquifer. Continuous monitoring of wells is also very effective in monitoring the health of the aquifer. New dedicated monitoring wells could be very beneficial for data quality.

Hultquist gave a brief introduction to efforts in coordinating groundwater monitoring in the valley, which has been determined to be led by Grand County, under his supervision. Fundraising efforts being led by Hultquist for further data collection. 9 wells currently on the registry with the National Groundwater Monitoring Network. USGS monitors 20 active wells each year. Necessary to coordinate wide array of monitoring across agencies in the valley, and make that data publicly available.

Spring monitoring and continuous well monitoring were identified as two affordable measures achievable in the short term for increasing the amount of data available, the low hanging fruit. Commissioner Winfield asked if Castle Valley water data was available, Hultquist responded that it was. Commissioner Hedin asked about the role of agriculture in preserving critical aquifer recharge. Confirmation given that this was significant, especially as it pertains to the Matheson Wetlands. Stilson added that manmade berming prevented typical flooding of the Colorado River into the wetlands. Hultquist added that the creek channel having dropped as much as 10 feet in the wetlands also affects how much the creek might be replenishing the aquifer in the wetlands.

Hultquist suggested that Utah Geological Survey present before the Commission regarding their monitoring work in the state and case studies that could be illustrative for Grand County.

Chair Hadler adjourned the workshop and called a recess at 3:37 p.m.

4:02 p.m. Thompson Springs Special Service Fire District Board Meeting (see separate agenda)

4:05 Call to Order Regular Commission Meeting (3:45)

Pledge of Allegiance

4pm Citizens to Be Heard (4:25)

Marc Pett and Troy Harris inquired if they would be allowed to speak during Item 7 which concerns their special event application. Chair Hadler confirmed that they would be given such allowance.

Grand County resident Pete Gross gave comment regarding item number 7. Emphasized that the event holder missed the application deadline and potential negative community impacts that this event would have. Wishes for the commission to reject the application.

Grand County resident Jayne May spoke regarding agenda item number 7, requests commission reject the special event application, not due to the nature of the event but because it was not submitted by the deadline. Questioned legal status of this event and business licensing in Moab as it is detailed in the special event application.

Grand County resident and Castle Valley Town Councilmember Tory Hill spoke to the short time frame under which Castle Valley was made aware of the proposed event application, spoke in opposition to the notion

that the proposed event would not have traffic impacts with the proposed number of participants, application not submitted by deadline and should not be considered.

Presentations

Presentation on the Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) annual Payment in-lieu of Taxes (PILT) payment and update on DWR's activities within Grand County (14:20) (Southeast Regional Supervisor Chris Wood, Utah Department of Wildlife Resources)

Chris Wood gave formal presentation of DWR PILT payment to Grand County for the two significant DWR parcels in Grand County that are maintained for wildlife habitat and recreation. Funds are derived from sportsmen's licenses. Overview of existing partnerships in the county offered by DWR. Officers in Price, Carbon, and Emery are currently filling void of DWR conservation officer position vacant in Grand. Habitat and watershed restoration work through the Watershed Restoration Initiative (WRI). Community Archery range currently in development. Study in valley on chronic wasting disease, of which highest levels in the state are in the La Sal Mountains, as well as among herds in the valley. Conservation efforts to assist wintering deer and elk herds amidst high stress caused by heavy snowfalls, currently a moratorium in place on 'shed' hunting.

Developer Presentation on Affordable Housing (Hooper Knowlton) (21:55)

Knowlton, an affordable housing and apartment developer based in Salt Lake City, desired to present to the Commission regarding opportunities and need for affordable housing in Grand County. Video presentation given regarding affordable apartment communities developed along the Wasatch Front and the general approach taken by his development group. Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) are the main funding mechanism that enables this luxury style affordable housing development. Overview of perceived barriers to creating more housing inventory in Grand County, including restrictive land use regulations, design guidelines, and short-term rentals. Solutions proposed include increasing density, increasing height limitations, relaxation of parking requirements, modifying setbacks, and eliminating step-back design requirements for multi-story buildings.

Commissioner McCurdy sought clarification on what level of affordability these developments might provide. Income levels up to 45 percent of AMI are required to utilize LIHTC, and as low as 25 percent AMI. For a market rate one-bedroom apartment which would be \$1150-\$1250, an affordable tenant could rent at \$425, based on Salt Lake City market rates. Affordable rents are typically 2/3 to 1/3 of market rate. Attorney Stocks sought clarification regarding auditing of LIHTC and renter qualification processes. Knowlton gave overview of auditing undertaken by the State (every three years) and by the bank financing the project (biannual).

Department Reports (none scheduled)

Approval of Minutes (Gabriel Woytek, Clerk/Auditor)

Approval of minutes for February 7th, 2023 (Regular Meeting of the Grand County Commission)

Motion by Commissioner Walker to approve the minutes from February 7th, 2023

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion Passes 7-0

Ratification of Payment of Bills

Motion by Commissioner McGann to approve and ratify payment of bills in the amount of \$1,459,389.80 and payroll in the amount of \$340,528.84 for a combined total of \$1,799,918.64.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

Commission Member Disclosures (none at this time)

General Commission Reports and Future Considerations (56:35)

Jacques Hadler

- Visits to State Capitol for Legislative Session
- Discussion with Colin Topper regarding RAISE grant concerns discussed at Trail Mix Committee meeting
- Chamber of Commerce retreat, review of bylaws, discussion regarding board terms, Lonnie Campbell and Shalee Bryant reelected as President and Vice President
- Museum of Moab meeting, Tour of Historic Moab to be offered on an ongoing basis on Thursdays at 10am March-October, International Heritage Breeds Week coming to Moab May 15-21, Temple Grandin to give presentation, Cindy Hargrave nominated as new president
- Future Consideration: March 7th meeting to lack quorum, discussion regarding potential postponement, cancellation, or special meeting to navigate this issue. Majority agreement that cancellation would be the best option with potential for emergency meeting if staff deems appropriate

Trisha Hedin

- 2/13 Planning Commission meeting, debrief of housing workshop and future land use map
- February 8 Homebuilding Journey Workshop organized by the Planning Commission
- Grand County Local Homeless Council meeting, 116 individuals seeking services, 55 homeless, 66 in imminent threat of homelessness
- Meeting with a variety of agencies regarding improvements at Segoe Canyon trailhead
- Grand and San Juan County Conservation District working group meeting
- Meeting regarding potential archery range with Division of Wildlife Resources
- Senate Bill 254 currently in committee regarding drug induced homicide bill

Bill Winfield

- Meeting with Bill Jackson regarding increased B&C Roads funding proposed in Senate Bill 175, potential extra 40 million in funding for rural counties.
- Worked with Phil Lyman regarding House Bill 416, comments in State Legislature hearing regarding changes to TRT reflective of pushing changes in tax law without communicating with all affected parties

Mary McGann

- 2/8 and 2/9 visit to State Capitol to meet with Senators and Representatives, Governor's Office and Legislative Audit Office

- 2/14 Committee on Revenue and Taxation hearing on House Bill 416
- Travel Council Advisory Board meeting, presentation by Love Communications
- Upcoming March 2nd open house of Moab Community Resource Center
- Housing Authority of Southeastern Utah meeting, CBDG application submitted

Mike McCurdy

- no reports at this time

Evan Clapper

- Boundary Commission meeting, discussion regarding potential protests to recent annexation petitions
- Canyonlands Health Care Special Service District meeting
- Emergency Medical Services SSD meeting
- Cemetery SSD meeting

Kevin Walker

- Transportation Special Service District Meeting, discussion regarding re-prioritization of drainage projects, presentation before the Commission to come
- Council on Aging Meeting, need for staggered terms for board appointments, discussion regarding electric vehicle charging stations, more robust senior socialization programs

Elected Official and Staff Reports

County Attorney Stephen Stocks

- Meetings in Salt Lake City for legislative session
- Working with Commissioner Walker and Nassau regarding recommended board bylaws
- Working with Commissioner McGann on potential diversification expenditures
- New prosecutorial assistant Chris Hukushi hired in the Attorney's Office
- Water presentation by Laurel Hagen at upcoming Commission meeting
- New opioid settlement pending
- Family Support Center to present at upcoming Commission meeting

Clerk/Auditor Gabriel Woytek

- Attended State Records Office GRAMA training, to attend Records and Information Management training on March 1
- State Clerk/Auditor group monitoring 50 bills at state legislative session, only 5 of which the group has taken a position of direct opposition. Seeking fiscal note to be attached to HB 303 for proper noticing. HB 537 would require all voters to opt-in to vote by mail
- Dana Van Horn hired as the new Clerk Deputy

Commission Administrator Mallory Nassau

- Recognition of County Staff on County website redesign
- Community Development Block Grant Ranking and Rating Advisory Committee meeting, 3 projects reviewed, 1 in Grand County very well received

General Business - Action Items, Discussion and Consideration of:

- 2. Additions to the 2022 Property Tax Abatements and Cancelations** (Chief Deputy Treasurer MaryLou Lopez) (1:33:18)

Presentation

Chief Deputy Treasurer Lopez gave background regarding the proposed action. Details regarding proposed cancellations included in the packet. Additional abatements and cancellations apply to incomes over state limit but under 120% of that limit, per Grand County Resolution 3325.

Motion by Commissioner McGann to approve the additional 2022 property tax abatements and cancellations as presented.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hedin

Discussion

Commissioner Clapper pointed out that most cancellations were in an amount less than \$20.

Motion passes 7-0

3. Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Narrative for Work on Sand Flats Road (Sand Flats Director of Operations Andrea Brand and Roads Supervisor Bill Jackson) (1:36:25)

Presentation

Brand gave a short presentation regarding the history of the concept of Sand Flats Road paving, which was included in the original Sand Flats Recreation Area (SFRA) business plan. Grant application denied in 2022. 150,000 vehicles entered SFRA in 2022, increase in visitation of 99% over the last 12 years. Improvement of safety for all modes of transportation is the principal desired outcome, along with reduction in user conflict, dust, and road washboarding. Presentation of road and trail maps with current pavement and proposed project details. Jackson clarified that the project would also include stormwater infrastructure. No blasting of rocks would be needed in existing paved area, but some in upper area, including at "the crack". Highlights given of County narrative in advocacy of the application and project. Roads and SFRA could contribute up to \$500,000 to this project for contingency on potential cost overruns, but this would be a 100% grant award. Curve and line of sight issues would also be addressed, where things like widening and guard rails are warranted.

Chair Hadler shared comments and discussion by Trail Mix Committee regarding this proposed project, which was prompted by a request for a letter of support by the Trail Mix Committee. Trail Mix committee has concerns regarding the project and desires more public discussion. Jackson referenced the stakeholder meetings in the creation of the Unified Transportation Master Plan that would have informed the public about this potential project. Jackson pointed out that this application has flown through Commission approval twice before. Hadler clarified that stakeholders were taken by surprise and that there is perception that this project would negatively affect the character of the upper Sand Flats area.

1.3 million in Maintenance costs incurred since 2008 for Sand Flats Road, costs trends which will continue without pavement. Design not fully finalized, but the proposal should be well established for application submission, especially as it relates to the length proposed to be paved, but perhaps some flexibility can be maintained with bike path design. Commissioner Walker stated that he shares the concerns about negative impacts and takes responsibility for public feelings regarding insufficient public engagement and solicitation of input from different user groups. Commissioner McGann spoke in advocacy for moving forward with the application, but also acknowledged shortcomings in reaching the public and the need to work continuously towards improvement in public engagement. Baird stated that there had been a thorough public process and that County staff should be trusted in assessing the need for a project such as this. Commissioner McCurdy stated that the benefits of this project make decision to support easy. Commissioner Winfield sought clarification regarding the pushback, and whether it pertains specifically to bike path design or to the pavement in general. Hadler clarified that there was some desire for a detached unpaved bike path, but

concerns were centered around the potential change in character, as well as higher speeds by all users and potential associated safety issues. Commissioner Walker disagreed that there had been sufficient public involvement in this planning effort. Walker stated that this was not a question of pursuing the project or not but about slowing it down by a year in order to properly engage the public. Brand asserted that thousands of SFRA users were not present at the Trail Mix Committee meeting to show support for the project, and that SFRA staff has given feedback that they feel unsafe while doing their job with current road conditions.

Jackson to consult with Jones and DeMille regarding finalization of design and potential options for scaling items back for the final application submission.

Motion by Commissioner McGann to approve the narrative letter to accompany the RAISE grant application.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion

Chair Hadler spoke to the challenge of low public participation and mixed feeling amongst recreation users about pavement impacts, and due to that he does not support at this time. Commissioner Walker asked Jackson to clarify what modifications might be made between submission and the current application and project start time. Falcon Flow trailhead to the Porcupine Rim trailhead has fewer issues and less traffic and could be potentially excluded. Commissioner Winfield suggested that air quality and potentially speed issues would be mitigated by a pavement project. Commissioner McGann stated that inevitable cost overruns would necessarily reduce the overall length of the pavement project.

Motion passes 5-2, Hadler and Walker opposed

6pm Citizens to be Heard (2:34:00)

Grand County resident Howard Trenholme spoke to his role on a hospitality committee formed by the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce. Referenced average annual hotel occupancy rate of 62%, stated that marketing and promotion efforts for the tourism industry has been insufficient to boost this rate, and that promotion is mutually beneficial to both private and public sectors.

- 4. Ratify Chair's Signature on Assignment Order to Jones and DeMille for Completion and Submission of Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Funding for Work on Sand Flats Road** (Sand Flats Director of Operations Andrea Brand, Roads Supervisor Bill Jackson) (2:36:20)

Presentation

Chair Hadler clarified the purpose of the proposed action.

Motion by Commissioner Clapper to ratify the chair's signature on the assignment order to Jones and DeMille for completion and submission of application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funds to improve Sand Flats Road.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner McGann

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

5. Draft Job Description and Grade Change for Sergeant (BLM/Search and Rescue Commander) (Personnel Services Director Renee Baker and Sheriff's Deputy Mike Palmer) (2:37:25)

Presentation

Baker gave a background for the proposed action including process for determining fiscal impact. Most counties have a Sheriff's Deputy serve in this role for Search and Rescue. Commissioner Walker sought confirmation that Search and Rescue leadership was in support of this change.

Motion by Commissioner Hedin to approve the draft job description of Sergeant (BLM/SAR Commander), grade change to Grade 15 and eliminate the Search and Rescue Commander position effective February 21st, 2023.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 7-0

6. Draft Job Description and Grade Change for Major Crimes Task Force Commander (Personnel Services Director Renee Baker and Sheriff Jamison Wiggins (2:41:55)

Presentation

Baker gave background for the proposed action, which has been brought forth by the Sheriff to form a major crimes task force in order to open funding sources from the Department of Homeland Security for combating human trafficking and fentanyl trafficking, most specifically. Commissioner Clapper sought clarification regarding elimination of the part time evidence tech position. Palmer stated that many deputies can fill in for that position and that a greater need exists at this time for the proposed commander position. Attorney Stocks asserted that major crimes stops are commonplace in Grand County and attested to the need for this action.

Motion by Commissioner Walker to approve the draft job description of Major Crimes Task Force Commander, grade change to Grade 15 and eliminate the Evidence Tech position effective retroactively to February 13th, 2023.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Motion passes 7-0

7. Moab Redrok Roundup 2023 Special Event Intent to Apply (Commissioner Winfield) (2:48:10)

Presentation

Commissioner Winfield presented the item as a legal consideration and spoke to the website discrepancies in the posting of the application deadline, and that staff confirmed that there was an error made in posting application deadlines on the website. Co-owners of Off-Road Events, LLC, Marc Pett and Troy Harris, and co-event organizer Kent Green, spoke in reference to Ordinance 667 and application submission deadlines quoted for events taking place in a given quarter, specifically the October 3rd application deadline which was

not adopted until October 18th, making compliance impossible. Ordinance 597 was the only document that was available to the event organizers in the beginning of October. Temporary business license now included as part of special event application. Event not to be held on public roads, no police escorts or guided rides. Pett stated that there was no deception in how this event has been presented. Noise and congestion impacts were considered and analyzed for specific mitigation measures, which prompted the event organizers to base the event outside of Moab City at Red Cliffs Lodge. Harris stated that trailering for event goers will be strongly encouraged. Strict nuisance violations will be in place and tickets will be revoked for event goers who do not follow strict event guidelines. Full-time security will also be in place and a hardline approach to driving while intoxicated. All registered drivers must have the new OHV license and accompanying training. Kent Green, who has an extensive background as a UTV guide as well as in Law Enforcement, will closely advise all guides on trail etiquette, history, first aid, maintaining on-trail use, and other considerations for reducing impacts of the event rides. Trailers will also be provided to event goers who don't have the option of trailering themselves.

McCurdy sought clarification from staff regarding whether there was a discrepancy on the County website which had out of date information regarding application deadlines, confirmation given that there was one page that did show this discrepancy. Administrator Nassau spoke regarding process, including that the submission of the intent to apply application required acknowledgment of updated submission guidelines. Event sponsors were not aware that an online submission process existed until January. McCurdy sought clarification that this was only an Intent to Apply submission. Commissioner Walker spoke to the efforts and debate regarding the updated special events ordinance and efforts to manage the event calendar quarter by quarter with sufficient advance notice. Commissioner Walker stated that an event of any nature should not be considered in a circumstance such as this, and that he feels strongly that process had been properly been followed. Walker clarified that quarter 2 events ITA application deadlines were expressly delayed to account for the deadline already having passed. Hedin spoke to the emphasis on taking a holistic view on event approval and intention behind the updated ordinance. Commissioner McCurdy emphasized that there was an error made in publicly published information. Attorney Stocks stated that the event should not have been able to follow through with the ITA process. From a legal standpoint, sufficient notice and public process was taken to support the County in enforcing the updated application deadline. Commissioner McGann sought clarification on the application deadline calendar. Kimberly Bolton of Red Cliffs Lodge stated that her property was not available to host this event at a date later in the year, and spoke to other discrepancies that she encountered on the County website when attempting to submit a special event application in 2022. Commissioner Winfield sought clarification as to whether approval of this action item would function as tacit approval for the event to proceed, and confirmation was given that it was designed to be a strong blessing, but could include conditions requiring further Commission approval.

Motion by Commissioner Winfield to suspend policy and approve the intent to apply outside of the quarterly review schedule as specified in Ordinance No. 667 for Redrok Roundup with the condition that it be brought back to the Commission for final approval

Seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion

Commissioner McGann acknowledged the efforts made in updating the ordinance and the difficulty in the transition period for special event holders wishing to apply, that over 60 public comments were received in opposition to an event of this nature, and that she would not like to see the event sponsors proceed only to be denied after considerable cost and effort. Commissioner McCurdy acknowledged public outcry but spoke to mistakes made on the part of the County and the need to make an exception for that reason. Commissioner Walker stated that this is an easy decision, using two hypotheticals to support this assertion: if event holders had applied as they did in December and the website had been fully up to date, they would not have been able to apply, and also, even if they had been successful in following all protocol on time, it seems highly unlikely that the event would have been approved due to the already crowded event calendar.

Commissioner Clapper spoke to the emphasis on the holistic event calendar, the existing volume of events slated for June, and that suspension of policy in this instance would ignore this philosophy. Commissioner McGann pointed out that there were proposed Quarter 2 events that were denied and that consideration and approval of this event would be unfair to those event sponsors. Chair Hadler stated that approval of the event at this stage would certainly constitute a green light.

Motion fails 2-4: McCurdy and Winfield in favor, Walker, Hadler, Clapper and Hedin opposed, McGann abstaining

8. Adopting a Resolution Approving the Acceptance of the Puesta Del Sol Phase XIII Required Improvements and Final Release of Warranty Bond (Planning and Zoning Director Elissa Martin) (3:35:35)

Presentation

Martin gave background regarding the proposed action.

Motion by Commissioner Clapper to adopt the proposed Resolution approving the Bond and Warranty release for the Puesta Del Sol, Planned Unit Development, Phase XIII, less \$965.00 for required Chip and Seal road treatment to be completed in the spring, and authorize the Chair to sign all associated documents.

Motion seconded by Commissioner McGann

Discussion

Clerk/Auditor Woytek entered into the record that this action gives approval of administrative release of the final \$965.00.

Motion passes 6-0, Hadler absent

9. Adopting Resolution approving the Final Plat of Wingate Subdivision, Lot 1 Amended & Dans Subdivision Parcel B, Amended (Planning and Zoning Director Elissa Martin) (3:38:32)

Presentation

Martin gave background on the proposed action, as shown in the packet. Planning and Zoning recommend approval.

Motion by Commissioner Winfield to approve the Findings of Fact set forth in the staff report dated November 30th, 2022 and the proposed Resolution approving the Final Plat of Wingate Subdivision, Lot 1, Amended & Dans Subdivision Parcel B, Amended

Seconded by Commissioner McGann

Discussion

Clapper sought confirmation that this action was supported by both landowners.

Motion passes 7-0

10. Independent Contractor Agreement between Love Communications and Grand County for Media Agency Services (Economic Development Director August Granath) (3:41:00)

Presentation

Granath gave background on the proposed action, as outlined in the packet.

Motion by Commissioner McGann to approve the Media Agency Independent Contractor Agreement (ICA) with Love Communications.

Seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Discussion

Commissioner Clapper received clarification from Granath that this was not set to auto-renew so that the contract could always be aligned with any ongoing updates to the scope of work. It won't always need to go out to bid if renewal is desired before contract expiration. Commissioner Winfield asked about the procurement process and questioned whether the bid opening was open for long enough. Granath stated that bid process in Summer of 2022 was open for 30 days and did receive four bids, yet Love Communications was still selected and are considered the best option in Utah from sources within the tourism industry. Procurement policy was followed.

Motion passes 6-0, Hedin absent

11. Moab Information Center Annual Operating Plan 2023 (Administrator Nassau) (3:48:25)

Presentation

Nassau gave background on the proposed action, as outlined in the packet.

Motion by Commissioner Walker to approve the Moab Information Center Operating Plan.

Seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0, Hedin absent

12. First Amendment to the Parental Defender Agreement (Administrator Nassau) (3:50:20)

Presentation

Nassau gave background on the proposed action. Edits to the originally approved agreement requested by the Parental Defender Autumn Fitzgerald.

Motion by Commissioner Walker to approve the First Amendment to the Parental Defender Agreement

Motion seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0, Hedin absent

13. Independent Contractor Agreement with Bowen, Collins & Associates for Grand County Pack Creek Project Scoping (Clerk/Auditor Woytek) (3:51:20)

Presentation

Woytek gave background regarding procurement process undertaken for selecting the currently proposed bid and accompanying ICA.

Motion by Commissioner McGann to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Bowen, Collins & Associates for Grand County Pack Creek Project Scoping.

Motion seconded by Commissioner McCurdy

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0, Hedin absent

14. Amendment to the Lease Agreement With 4 Corners for the Interact Clubhouse
(Administrator Nassau) (3:53:15)

Presentation

Nassau described the proposed action, which allows for purchases without additional appraisals secured. Attorney Stocks explained that the original contract required three appraisals. Amendment also cancels the lease to make way for purchase.

Motion by Commissioner Walker to approve the first amendment to Lease Agreement between Grand County and Four Corners Community Behavioral Health.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0, Hedin absent

15. Ratification of Letters sent to Representatives of the Revenue and Taxation Committee for the State of Utah (Chair Hadler) (3:54:35)

Presentation

Letter was drafted in advance of visit to Capitol for the R&T Committee hearing. One Commissioner did express reticence to offering outright support of the letter, thus the item was kept off of the consent agenda.

Motion by Commissioner McGann to ratify letters sent to Representatives of the Revenue and Taxation Committee for the State of Utah.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Clapper

Discussion

Commissioner Walker clarified that majority approval was reached and policy followed in drafting and sending the letter.

Motion passes 4-0, McCurdy and Winfield abstaining, Hedin absent

Consent Agenda – Action Items (3:57:15)

16. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

17. Voluntary Appointment to the Thompson Springs Special Service District Water Board

18. Voluntary Appointment to the Grand County Recreation Special Service District

19. Eventide Agreement for Grand County Dispatch

20. USFS Moab Information Center Partnership Agreement Modification

21. Mural Agreement between the City of Moab, Grand County, and Holly Williams

22. Approval of payment of a 1% fee for the lobbying efforts of the National Association of Counties (NACO) regarding the US Treasury appropriations awarded Grand County as part of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF)

23. (Dot)gov Domain Registration Initial Request

Motion by Commissioner Walker to approve the consent agenda as presented

Motion seconded by Commissioner Winfield

Discussion (none at this time)

Motion passes 6-0, Hedin absent

Discussion Items (none scheduled)

Public Hearing(s)

24. Manderfield HDHO Amended Development Agreement for Final Plat Extension (3:58:38)

Presentation

Martin gave background regarding the reasons for delay in processing the plat. Extension would be given until April 21st, 2023. One public comment received at Planning Commission.

Chair Hadler opened the Public Hearing at 8:02 p.m.

No public comment received at this time.

Chair Hadler left the Public Hearing open until Wednesday, March 1st at 5pm.

Chair Hadler adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.



Jacques Hadler
Chair, Grand County Commission

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